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Data from HIV antibody testing conducted through the State Section of Laboratories and data from the Department of Defense on civilian applicants for military service in Alaska are shown below. These data do not include HIV tests sent by providers to laboratories other than the State or Department of Defense Laboratories. HIV infection without AIDS is not currently reportable in Alaska.

State Section of Laboratories

Through December 31, 1996, the Section of Laboratories, Division of Public Health, has conducted 129,850 HIV antibody tests on 99,725 individuals, with a total of 640 (0.6%) individuals testing HIV positive. Through December 31, 1996, 542 (1.2%) of 46,549 males, 94 (0.2%) of 52,625 females, and 4 (0.7%) of 551 individuals of unspecified sex have tested positive. Data below reflect unduplicated individuals.

HIV Testing by AgeFor Period May 1, 1985 thru December 31, 1996

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Age	Number Tested	Number Positive	%Positive								
0-9	742	3	0.40								
10-19	12,842	27	0.21								
20-29	36,451	253	0.69								
30-39	30,868	241	0.78								
40-49	13,622	98	0.72								
50+	5,172	18	0.35								
Unk	28	0	0.00								
Total	99,725	640	0.64								

HIV Testing by Year

For Period May 1, 1985 thru December 31, 1996

	Number Tested	Number Positive	%Positive
1985	771	76	9.9
1986	1,448	56	3.9
1987	5,786	74	1.3
1988	5,757	65	1.1
1989	6,195	51	0.8
1990	7,934	69	0.9
1991	11,852	46	0.4
1992	17,350	50	0.3
1993	16,716	45	0.3
1994	15,818	44	0.3
1995	15,346	50	0.3
1996	16,215	50	0.3

HIV Testing by Exposure Category and Ethnicity

(Number Positive, Number Tested, Percent Positive) For Period May 1, 1985 thru December 31, 1996

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Exposure Category	Pos	Tested	(%)	Pos	Tested	(%)	Pos	Tested	(%)	Pos	Tested	(%)	Pos	Tested	(%)	Pos	Tested	(%)	Pos	Tested	(%)
Homosexual/ Bisexual Male	226	1,777	12.7	29	353	8.2	18	106	17.0	15	68	22.1	7	47	14.9	3	27	11.1	298	2,378	12.5
IV Drug User	23	2,422	0.9	1	614	0.2	13	219	5.9	4	61	6.6	0	46	0.0	2	58	3.4	43	3,420	1.3
Heterosexual Contact of Person with/or at Risk of AIDS	6	2,522	0.2	5	564	0.9	3	205	1.5	1	87	1.1	0	63	0.0	0	56	0.0	15	3,497	0.4
Hemophiliac	7	21	33.3	0	4	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0.0	0	2	0.0	0	0	0.0	7	28	25.0
Transfusion w/ Blood/Blood Products	8	1,106	0.7	4	356	1.1	0	52	0.0	0	18	0.0	0	27	0.0	0	48	0.0	12	1,607	0.7
All Others	133	52,493	0.3	68	22,446	0.3	33	4,987	0.7	18	2,190	0.8	7	2,514	0.3	6	4,165	0.1	265	88,795	0.3
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Total	403	60,341	0.7	107	24,337	0.4	67	5,569	1.2	38	2,425	1.6	14	2,699	0.5	11	4,354	0.3	640	99,725	0.6

Department of Defense

Since October 1985, all persons applying for active duty or reserve military service, the service academies, and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) have been screened for HIV infection as part of their entrance evaluation. The Department of Defense shares the resulting statistical data with states for HIV surveillance purposes. Of 15,236 individuals (12,690 males and 2,546 females) screened in Alaska from October 1985 through September 1996, 3 (0.02%) have tested positive for HIV infection. Characteristics of the three individuals with HIV infection follow.

Sex	Ethnicity	Age						
Males3	White1	20-24 years1						
Females0	Black1 Unspecified1	30+ years2						